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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: NATIONAL APPLICATION FOR

MIAMI-PARIS AUTHORITY

REF:: (A) STATE 26030, (B) PARIS 3464

1. COMMEAU, PANAM DIRECTOR FOR FRANCE, INFORMED US HE WAS ASKED BY PANAM HEADQUARTERS TO ASCERTAIN GOF POSITION ON NATIONAL AIRLINES' PENDING APPLICATION FOR MIAMI-PARIS AUTHORITY. PANAM IS CONCERNED OVER POSSIBLE LOSS OF TRAFFIC ON ITS MADRID-MIAMI ROUTE, WITH WHICH TRAFFIC FROM PARIS CAN NOW EASILY CONNECT VIA AIR FRANCE OR IBERIA.

2. COMMEAU TELLS US HE QUERIED THIEBLEMONT, ESPEROU'S DEPUTY AT DGAC, WHO COMMENTED THAT GOF HAD NOT YET BEEN "OFFICIALLY INFORMED" OF NATIONAL'S APPLICATION. THIEBLEMONT SAID THAT FROM A LEGAL STANDPOINT GOF COULD NOT OPPOSE MIAMI-PARIS ROUTE FOR NATIONAL, BUT HE ADDED THAT GOF WOULD NOT BE TOO HAPPY WITH NATIONAL AIRLINES' SERVICE BECAUSE IT COULD DIVERT TRAFFIC FROM AIR FRANCE.

3. COMMENT: THIEBLEMONT WOULD SEEM TO BE NOT YET

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INFORMED OF DEPT'S INITIATIVE IN RAISING QUESTION OF

MIAMI-PARIS ROUTE WITH FRENCH EMBASSY AS REPORTED REFTEL-

4. NATIONAL REPS HAVE BEEN TOLD BY AEROPORT DE PARIS THAT IF THEY WERE TO SERVE PARIS THEY WOULD HAVE TO OPERATE FROM ORLY AIRPORT. (REASON GIVEN WAS THAT THERE IS NO ROOM FOR ADDITIONAL CARRIERS AT CHARLES DE GAULLE

AIRPORT, I.E., COUNTER SPACE AND SATELLITE POSITIONS).
THIS IS SOURCE OF SOME
CONCERN TO NATIONAL SINCE INTERNATIONAL CONNECTIONS
ARE SO MUCH BETTER AT CDG THAN AT ORLY. WHILE
NATIONAL REPS DID NOT ASK WHETHER EMBASSY COULD
EVENTUALLY BE OF ASSISTANCE IN ENABLING NATIONAL
TO LOCATE AT CDG SHOULD MIAMI-PARIS SERVICE
BE AUTHORIZED, WE POINTED OUT THAT THIS WAS NOT
MATTER IN WHICH EMBASSY COULD INTERVENE ANYWAY SO
LONG AS AEROPORT DE PARIS POSITION WAS NON-DISCRIMINA-
TORY. (PANAM REP HAS SINCE TOLD US AEROPORT DE PARIS
INFORMED HIM LACK OF SPACE AT CDG WOULD REQUIRE
LOCATION OF PANAM OPERATIONS AT ORLY IF PANAM WERE
TO RESUME SCHEDULED SERVICE TO PARIS.)

5. INDUSTRY HERE IS ABUZZ WITH RUMORS NATIONAL
MAY ALREADY BE STARTING TO RECRUIT PARIS OFFICE
STAFF, FOLLOWING CLASSIFIED AD IN LE FIGARO
FEBRUARY 7 SOLICITING APPLICATIONS FOR ENTIRE
OFFICE OPERATION OF AN UNNAMED CARRIER. NATIONAL'S
PARIS REP DENIES AD WAS PLACED BY NATIONAL AND
SUSPECTS CARRIER IN QUESTION TO BE EITHER QANTAS
OR GULF AIR.

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